

**Request for Proposals # S00R0400012**  
**Maryland CDBG Guidebook**  
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This list of Questions and Responses is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements, which are stated in the following questions of potential offerors, are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the RFP through an addendum. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the potential offeror asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

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**Question:** Is the 25% MBE goal a requirement?

**Answer:** In Section 1.19 of the RFP DHCD established a 25% MBE subcontracting goal for this contract. The goal was assigned after careful review of this specific RFP and with the expectation that the contractor would be able to achieve the goal. At the same time, requesting a waiver of the goal (or a portion of it) is an option under the solicitation process. Be aware that DHCD examines offerors' justifications for waivers very carefully and has rarely granted one. Section 1.19 of the RFP and the Attachment D package provide detailed instructions regarding MBE subcontracting goals and the required documentation to submit with the technical proposal.